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TO: Private Duty Nursing Providers and Mental Retardation
(MR) Waiver and Individual & Family Developmental
Disabilities Support (DD) Waiver providers

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MEMO Special

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SUBJECT: Rate Increase for Private Duty Nursing and Services that are Unique to the
MR and DD Waivers – July 1st 2006

The purpose of this memo is to notify private duty nursing providers and providers of services under the MR and DD Waivers that, pursuant to the 2006 Appropriations Act, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is increasing the rates for certain services. The Appropriations Act directs DMAS to increase private duty nursing rates for the HIV/AIDS Waiver and Technology Assisted (Tech) Waiver by 5% to bring the rates in line with the rates for nursing services provided to other Medicaid Waiver populations. The Appropriations Act also requires DMAS to increase rates for services that are unique to the MR and DD Waiver by 5%, except for congregate residential which will be increased by 10%. All rates are effective July 1, 2006.

Private Duty Nursing for HIV/AIDS and Tech Waiver

National Code	Modifier	NOVA/Rest of State	Code Description	Old Rates	Rates Eff. July 1, 2006
T1002		NOVA	Private Duty Nursing Services/RN	\$30.00	\$31.50
T1002		ROS	Private Duty Nursing Services/RN	\$24.70	\$25.94
T1003		NOVA	Private Duty Nursing Services/LPN	\$26.00	\$27.30
T1003		ROS	Private Duty Nursing Services/LPN	\$21.45	\$22.52
T1030		NOVA	Congregate Nursing Care/RN	\$20.00	\$21.00
T1030		ROS	Congregate Nursing Care/RN	\$17.35	\$18.22
T1031		NOVA	Congregate Nursing Care/LPN	\$18.00	\$18.90
T1031		ROS	Congregate Nursing Care/LPN	\$15.73	\$16.52
T1030	TD	NOVA	Congregate Respite/RN	\$20.00	\$21.00
T1030	TD	ROS	Congregate Respite/RN	\$17.35	\$18.22
T1031	TE	NOVA	Congregate Respite/LPN	\$18.00	\$18.90
T1031	TE	ROS	Congregate Respite/LPN	\$15.73	\$16.52
S9125	TD	NOVA	Respite Care/RN	\$30.00	\$31.50
S9125	TD	ROS	Respite Care/RN	\$24.70	\$25.94
S9125	TE	NOVA	Respite Care/LPN	\$26.00	\$27.30
S9125	TE	ROS	Respite Care/LPN	\$21.45	\$22.52

NOVA=Northern Virginia ROS=Rest of State

LPN Respite Care (S9125 with a TE modifier) was also increased for the Elderly and Disabled with Consumer Direction Waiver. EPSDT private duty nursing services also pay at the same rates as the Tech Waiver. S9123 is for EPSDT RN services and S9124 is for EPSDT LPN services. All similar nursing services are now paid at the same rate regardless of waiver or program.

Services Unique to the MR and DD Waivers

National Code	Modifier	Code Description	Old Rates	Rates Eff. July 1, 2006
97139		Therapeutic Consultation	\$52.50	\$55.13
97535		Congregate Residential Support	\$13.45	\$14.80
97537		Day Support, Regular Intensity	\$25.19	\$26.45
97537	U1	Day Support, High Intensity	\$35.86	\$37.65
H0040		Crisis Stabilization - Supervision	\$23.10	\$24.26
H2011		Crisis Stabilization - Intervention	\$85.05	\$89.30
H2014		In-Home Residential Support	\$18.90	\$19.85
H2023		Supported Employment, Individual Placed Prevocational	\$16.80	\$17.64
H2024		Supported Employment, Enclave/Work Crew	\$34.13	\$35.84
H2025		Pre-vocational Services, Regular Intensity	\$25.19	\$26.45
H2025	U1	Pre-vocational Services, High Intensity	\$35.86	\$37.65
S5111		Family Care Giver Training	\$44.63	\$46.86

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ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS STATUS INFORMATION

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option (ARS) to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, prior authorization, and pharmacy prescriber identification. The website address to use to enroll for access to this system is <http://virginia.fhsc.com>. The MediCall voice response system will provide the same information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

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1-804-786-6273	Richmond area and out-of-state long distance
1-800-552-8627	All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

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COPIES OF MANUALS

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“Manuals, Memos and Communications” link. This link opens up a page that contains all of the various communications to providers, including Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memoranda. The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order it by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 1-804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates that are requested.

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